

MAYOR RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI AND THE AMERICAN-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE JOIN IN MAJOR NEW YORK CITY 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and the American-Israel Friendship League announce that a gala celebration of Israel's 50th anniversary will be held at Gracie Mansion on Wednesday evening, June 17, 1998.

Mayor Giuliani, who serves with Edgar Bronfman as co-chair of New York City's Official Host Committee for Israel's Fiftieth Birthday, has agreed to open his home for a gala dinner marking 50 years of US-Israel friendship and joint achievements. The evening's guests will include leaders of the US and Israeli governments; faith communities; industry and community organizations.

"I am particularly proud to host this special event, in celebration of Israel's historic 50th Anniversary and in commemoration of our shared traditions of democracy," said Mayor Giuliani. "This exciting gala will be an important part of New York City's celebration of Israel's important milestone birthday."

The dinner will celebrate Israel's accomplishments and will recognize and honor US and Israeli individuals, organizations and companies for their joint achievements. The United States and Israel have a long record of cooperation on strategic, scientific research, economic development and education projects. These initiatives have generated remarkable breakthroughs and have had a major impact on medical research, international communications, agriculture, computer and high technology, and many other areas.

"It will be an exciting evening" said Mortimer B. Zuckerman, Publisher of the New York Daily News and President of the American-Israel Friendship League. "The Gracie Mansion gala will bring together a cross section of society, people of all parties and stripes, from both sides of the ocean, coming together in New York City in celebration of the strength of US-Israel friendship and cooperation."

"The dinner will be a festive occasion with an important message," said Kenneth J. Bialkin, Partner of the law firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, and chairman of the AIFL's Board of Directors. "It will highlight the mutual benefits to both the United States and Israel of our close, long-

standing relationship. It is an association based on common values, on shared interests and on genuine friendship between our two peoples."

The American-Israel Friendship League is a national, non-sectarian organization committed to maintaining and strengthening the historic bonds between the people of the United States and Israel. Founded in 1971, the League's activities generate bi-partisan support in reaching out to all faiths, ethnic backgrounds, all age groups and political persuasions in an effort to educate Americans and Israelis about the common interests that they share.●

#### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1998

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 18. I further ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate then resume consideration of S. 2138, the energy and water appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, the Senate will reconvene tomorrow at 10 a.m. and immediately resume consideration of the energy and water appropriations bill. It is hoped that Members who wish to offer amendments to the energy and water bill will come to the floor during Thursday's session to offer and debate their amendments under short time agreements. Therefore, roll-call votes are possible during Thursday's session of the Senate. The leader would like to remind Members that the Independence Day recess is fast approaching and, therefore, the coopera-

tion of all Members will be necessary to make progress on a number of important items, including appropriations bills, any available conference reports, the Higher Education Act, the DOD authorization bill and any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:56 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, June 18, 1998, at 10 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate June 17, 1998:

##### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

IDA L. CASTRO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2003, VICE PAUL STEVEN MILLER.

##### IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD UNDER TITLE 14, U.S.C., SECTION 211:

##### *To be lieutenant*

CHRISTOPHER A. BUCKRIDGE, 0000

##### IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. LEON J. LAPORTE, 0000.

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

##### *To be lieutenant general*

MAJ. GEN. JAMES M. LINK, 0000.